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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS

REF: PORT MORESBY 597

PORT MORESBY 587

1. PNG OFFICE HEAD PAULIAS MATANE, ACCOMPANIED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY MCCARTHY, CALLED ON EA/ANP JULY 8 TO DISCUSS INVITATIONS TO PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. MATANE STATED THAT AUSTRALIAN DFA HAD PASSED TO EMBASSY CANBERRA AN INVITATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND SPOUSE, TO REPRESENT US. MATANE SAID THIS IS THE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO US FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

2. MATANE ALSO STATED THAT INVITATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO EMBASSY FOR US HIGH COMMISSIONER TRUST TERRITORY OF PACIFIC ISLANDS (SEE SEPTTEL).

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3. MATANE SAID THERE WILL BE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF ACCOMMODATION IN PORT MORESBY DURING CELEBRATIONS, AND ASKED THAT DELEGATIONS AND RETINUES BE KEPT AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY PRINCIPAL AND SPOUSE. HE SAID THAT, WHILE RUNWAY HAS BEEN LENGTHENED, PORT MORESBY AIRPORT CAN

ACCOMMODATE ONLY FOUR PARKED AIRCRAFT.

4. FOR CANBERRA: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CABLED TEXT OF INVITATION TO SECRETARY ASAP.

5. FOR PORT MORESBY: WE HAD EXPECTED INVITATION TO US TO BE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT AS HEAD OF STATE, AS SUGGESTED IN PORT MORESBY 587. IS LETTER TO SECRETARY PURELY INFORMATIONAL RATHER THAN AN INVITATION? KISSINGER

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